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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Alexandre A.N. Baptista

APPLICATION NO.: 10/789,451

FILED: February 26, 2004

FOR: VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH
REMOVABLE TROUGH

EXAMINER: Eugene Lee Kim

ART UNIT: 3721

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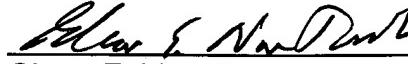
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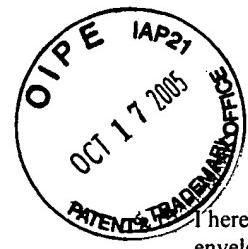
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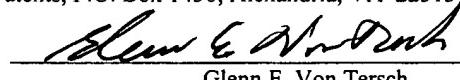
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005. A response is due by October 14, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.